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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6106

BILL NUMBER: SB 440

DATE PREPARED: Jan 14, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Student instructional days.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
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IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a maximum of two school days when students are dismissed for a full day for parent-teacher conferences and two school days when students are dismissed for a full day for staff professional development activities count as student instructional days for purposes of the required 180 day school year. It voids provisions in the Indiana Administrative Code that allow partial school days that are used for parent-teacher conferences to count as partial student instructional days and that do not allow students to be dismissed for full days for parent-teacher conferences and staff professional development activities.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Instructional Days* - The State would incur no additional costs due to the provisions of this bill. It would continue to fund Indiana's 294 school corporations at current funding levels in accordance with current law.

Indiana Administrative Code- This bill requires those provisions in the Indiana Administrative Code allowing partial school days be removed by the Indiana Legislative Services Agency (LSA). LSA would incur minimal administrative time and cost due to this provision.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) *Instructional Days* - School corporations would experience a decrease in transportation costs due to pupils not being required to attend school during parent-teacher conferences or professional development activities. In addition, school corporations would experience a decrease in substitute teacher costs regarding ½ day parent-teacher conferences and professional development activities. Based on a survey conducted by Legislative Services Agency, the range of reimbursement to hire a substitute teacher is \$45 to \$85 per day. The average reimbursement for a non-

licensed substitute teacher is \$55. The average reimbursement for a non-licensed substitute teacher with a college degree is \$60 (\$70 if the substitute teacher has a teacher's license).

The specific effects of this bill would vary by school corporation and would depend upon local action.

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Instructional Days* - School corporations would continue to receive funding from the State for 180 instructional days even though students would receive 176 instructional days in accordance with the provisions of this bill. Under current law, school corporations are allowed to conduct up to four ½ days of instruction each school year for the purpose of conducting parent-teacher conferences (four 2.5-hour days for grades one through six and four 3-hour days for grades seven through 12).

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education, Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected: School Corporations.

Information Sources: Terry Spradlin, Department of Education, (317) 232-6671; Legislative Services Agency, sample of school corporation substitute teacher reimbursement costs.